

AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY

in collaboration with

FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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Announces the

2019 Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Program for the award of MPH in Field Epidemiology, MPH in Veterinary Epidemiology & MPH in Laboratory Epidemiology and Management

Introduction:

The Nigeria Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Program (NFELTP) is a two-year in-service training program in field epidemiology or veterinary epidemiology or laboratory epidemiology and management. The NFELTP was created to serve as a long-term program within the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD). It trains Field Epidemiologists, Public Health Laboratorians, and Veterinary Epidemiologists for leadership positions in various levels of both the FMOH and the FMARD. The trainees provide epidemiological services to the FMOH, FMARD, State Ministries of Health, and State Ministries of Agriculture and Rural Development during the training, through long-term field placements. The program is currently sponsored by the FMOH and FMARD with funding and technical support of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Program Objectives

1. Strengthen capacity to respond to public health emergencies such as outbreaks, epidemics, natural disasters, and emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases.
2. Strengthen public health and veterinary surveillance systems.
3. Strengthen laboratory capacity and its participation in surveillance and field investigation.
4. Strengthen the linkage between public health and veterinary epidemiology.
5. Conduct research activities on priority public health problems.
6. Improve communications and networking within the country and throughout the region on public health issues.

Eligibility

The NFELTP will focus on training persons who are or will become field epidemiology leaders at Federal, State and Local Government levels.

Field epidemiology/public health candidates should have at least

- MBBS/M.B.Ch.B, BDS degrees with certification from the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN)
- Two years working experience in a related government position (with evidence of confirmation)
- Recommendation from the Head of Department/ Ministry
- Candidates working with epidemiology and disease control programmes/units at the LGA, State and Federal level programme will have an added advantage
- Credits in at least five O level subjects (including English & Mathematics)

Those interested in the public health laboratory epidemiology and management course should have at least a

- BSc degree (with a minimum of second-class upper division) in microbiology or relevant subjects.
- Registration and Licensing from relevant National council is an added advantage.
- Have a minimum of two years' experience in a government laboratory (with evidence of confirmation).
- Candidates working with disease control units at the LGA, State and Federal level programme will have an added advantage
- Recommendation from the Head of Department/Ministry
- Credits in at least five O' level subjects, including English and

Mathematics

Candidates interested in the MPH Veterinary Epidemiology Practice Course should have at least a

- DVM degree with certification from Veterinary Council of Nigeria
- Two years working experience within the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development or other relevant State Ministries/ Parastatal (with evidence confirmation)
- Recommendation from the serving Ministry/Department / Parastatal
- Candidates working with disease control units at the LGA, State and Federal level programme will have an added advantage.
- Credits in at least five O level subjects (including English & Mathematics)

Acceptability requirement:

Individuals accepted to the NFELTP will be required to sign a contract committing them to remain in government service for a minimum of five years following graduation.

Application Procedure:

The application procedure and form at a fee of N10, 000.00 (and a bank charge of N500.00) will be available online as from the Monday 1st April 2019 to Friday 26th April 2019. The deadline for submission of application is **Friday 26th April 2019**. Access form on spps.abu.edu.ng/forms and complete and submit. Incomplete and wrongly filled forms will not be considered.

All applicants are advised to read and follow the General Guidelines on the Application Process that has been provided on the portal. These guidelines provide important information about form completion and designated banks where payments can be made. Contact details for technical issues with the website/portal: 08187370686 and 08099926814

After submission, a confirmation message will be sent to the applicant's email address and telephone.

Direct questions may be addressed to the University focal person Dr. Aisha Abubakar (ABU) on 09055092573, e-mail: draishaabu@gmail.com

Examination and Interview Process:

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an enrollment examination and will be interviewed by the FELTP National Selection Committee for final recommendation. During the interview, each candidate will be expected to appear with original copies of his/her relevant credentials. In addition, each candidate will be expected to submit his/her academic transcript, formal statement of at least 250 words explaining the candidates educational and career objectives and how these objectives correspond with the NFELTP, authorization/recommendation from the applicant's employer, and photocopies of relevant credentials. The National Selection Committee will consist of representative from the following organizations: Federal Ministry of Health, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ahmadu Bello University, University of Ibadan, African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET) and CDC. The National Selection Committee will ensure and assure balance and equity in recruitment and selection procedures.

Expected date of commencement will be in June 2019.